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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION

JULIA C. DUDLEY, CLERK
BY:  DEPUTY CLERK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DANIEL MCMAHON

Criminal Number: 3:19cr00014

In Violation of:

18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(1)(A)
Interference with Candidate for
Elective Office

18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(4)
Bias-Motivated Interference with
Candidate for Elective Office

18 U.S.C. § 875(c)
Threats in Interstate Commerce

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges, at all times material to this Indictment:

1. Defendant DANIEL MCMAHON, a resident of the State of Florida, used the internet and social media accounts to express his beliefs regarding race, color, national origin, religion, and other topics. On these accounts, MCMAHON expressed and promoted his belief that white people are superior to members of other racial, ethnic, and religious groups.

2. Prior to January 7, 2019, D.G., an African-American resident of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, decided to run for the Democratic nomination to the Charlottesville City Council, an elective office in Charlottesville, Virginia. D.G. planned to announce his candidacy at an event scheduled for January 8, 2019.

3. On or about January 7, 2019, local news outlets in Charlottesville reported that D.G. planned to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for City Council, and that he planned to announce this candidacy at the event scheduled for January 8, 2019.

4. On or about January 7, 2019, Defendant DANIEL MCMAHON, by threat of force and violence, used the internet and his social media accounts to intimidate and interfere with D.G.'s qualifying and campaigning as a candidate for Charlottesville City Council. D.G. thereafter learned of these threats made by MCMAHON.

5. On or about January 8, 2019, at the event where D.G. had planned to announce his candidacy, D.G. instead announced that he would not be seeking the office of Charlottesville City Council.

COUNT ONE

(Interference with Candidate for Elective Office)
18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(1)(A)

6. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 5 are incorporated by reference and set forth fully herein.

7. From on or about January 7, 2019 to on or about January 10, 2019, within the Western District of Virginia and elsewhere, Defendant DANIEL MCMAHON, by threat of force willfully intimidated and interfered with, and attempted to intimidate and interfere with, D.G., because he was and had been, and in order to intimidate D.G. from, qualifying and campaigning as a candidate for Charlottesville City Council, an elective office in Charlottesville, Virginia.

8. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 245(b)(1)(A).

COUNT TWO

(Bias-Motivated Interference with Candidate for Elective Office)

18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(4)

9. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 5 are incorporated by reference and set forth fully herein.

10. From on or about January 7, 2019 to on or about January 10, 2019, within the Western District of Virginia and elsewhere, Defendant DANIEL MCMAHON, by threat of force willfully intimidated and interfered with, and attempted to intimidate and interfere with, D.G., because he was and had been, and in order to intimidate D.G. from, participating, without discrimination on account of race and color, in a federally protected activity described in 18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(1)(A), to wit, qualifying and campaigning as a candidate for Charlottesville City Council, an elective office in Charlottesville, Virginia.

11. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 245(b)(4).

COUNT THREE
(Threats in Interstate Commerce)
18 U.S.C. § 875(c)


12. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 5 are incorporated by reference and set forth fully herein.

13. On or about January 7, 2019, within the Western District of Virginia and elsewhere, Defendant DANIEL MCMAHON knowingly and willfully transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce a communication containing a threat to injure D.G.

14. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).

A TRUE BILL this 28th day of August, 2019

s/FOREPERSON
FOREPERSON


THOMAS T. CULLEN
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY